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Application of: David D. Morris  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: David D. Morris

Application No.: 10 / 792,363

Filed: March 3, 2004

For: **INNERDUCT GUIDE TUBE ASSEMBLY  
FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

Group Art Unit: 3723

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In re Application of: Allen et al.  
Application No. 11/139,124

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In re Application of: Allen et al.  
Application No. 11/139,124

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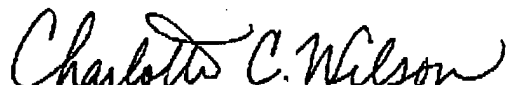
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
EXAMINER INITIALS	IDENTIFIER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS
	AA	2,685,064	2/12/1952	Stachura	174	36
	AB	2,742,388	4/17/1956	Russell	154	110
	AC	2,916,055	12/8/1959	Brumbach	138	87
	AD	3,032,151	5/1/1962	Allen et al.	189	34
	AE	3,295,556	1/3/1967	Gertsma et al.	138	119
	AF	3,524,921	8/18/1970	Wolf	174	70
	AG	3,749,133	7/31/1973	Bochory	138	119
	AH	3,830,067	8/20/1974	Osborn et al.	61	12
	AI	3,911,200	10/7/1975	Simons et al.	174	36
	AJ	3,939,875	2/24/1976	Osborn et al.	138	178
	AK	3,996,968	12/14/1976	Bergman et al.	138	118
	AL	4,048,807	9/20/1977	Ellers et al.	405	159
	AM	4,105,284	8/8/1978	Olshansky	350	96.33
	AN	4,172,106	10/23/1979	Lewis	264	1
	AO	4,281,211	7/28/1981	Tatum et al.	174	36
	AP	4,282,284	8/4/1981	George	428	251
	AQ	4,374,608	2/22/1983	Anderson	350	96.23
	AR	4,478,661	10/23/1984	Lewis	156	92
	AS	4,565,351	1/21/1986	Conti et al.	254	134.3
	AT	4,582,093	4/15/1986	Hubbard et al.	138	111
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	AU	4,585,034	4/29/1986	Hubbard et al.	138	111
	AV	4,602,763	7/29/1986	Gaylin	254	134.4
	AW	4,605,818	8/12/1986	Arroyo et al.	174	107
	AX	4,619,291	10/28/1986	Shirian	138	109
	AY	4,674,167	6/23/1987	Hubbard et al.	29	401.1
	AZ	4,707,074	11/17/1987	Heywood	350	96.23
	BA	4,729,409	3/8/1988	Paul	138	115
	BB	4,741,593	5/3/1988	Fochler	350	96.23
	BC	4,745,238	5/17/1988	Kotthaus et al.	174	101.5
	BD	4,762,751	8/9/1988	Girgis et al.	428	378
	BE	4,793,594	12/27/1988	Kumpf	254	134.3
	BF	4,836,968	6/6/1989	Cakmakci	264	177.19
	BG	4,862,922	9/5/1989	Kite, III/	138	119
	BH	4,896,940	1/30/1990	Kathiresan et al.	350	96.23
	BI	4,929,478	5/29/1990	Conaghan et al.	428	35.1
	BJ	4,946,722	8/7/1990	Moyer	428	36.1
	BK	4,948,097	8/14/1990	Reeve et al.	254	134.4
	BL	4,976,290	12/11/1990	Gelin et al.	138	141
	BM	5,023,395	6/11/1991	O'Connor	174	36
	BN	5,027,864	7/2/1991	Conti et al.	138	177
	BO	5,029,815	7/9/1991	Kumpf	254	134.3
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	BS	5,113,468	5/12/1992	Baker	385	100
	BT	5,163,481	11/17/1992	Catallo	138	98
	BU	5,236,016	8/17/1993	Vogelsang	138	115
	BV	5,267,338	11/30/1993	Bullock et al.	385	100
	BW	5,289,556	2/22/1994	Rawlyk et al.	385	112
	BX	5,388,616	2/14/1995	Muller et al.	138	98
	BY	5,391,838	2/21/1995	Plummer, III	174	36
	BZ	5,413,149	5/9/1995	Ford et al.	138	123
	CA	5,442,136	8/15/1995	Allen	174	95
	CB	5,448,670	9/5/1995	Blew et al.	385	112
	CC	5,503,695	4/2/1996	Imoto et al.	156	71
	CD	5,536,461	7/16/1996	King et al.	264	209.3
	CE	5,538,045	7/23/1996	Piotrowski et al.	138	147
	CF	5,556,495	9/17/1996	Ford et al.	156	148
	CG	5,563,975	10/8/1996	Gorlan et al.	385	100
	CH	5,587,115	12/24/1996	Allen	264	1.24
	CI	5,601,671	2/11/1997	Speich	156	88
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	CK	5,681,640	10/28/1997	Kiser	428	181
	CL	5,698,056	12/16/1997	Kamiyama et al.	156	218
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	CN	5,792,991	8/11/1998	Nolf	174	92
	CO	5,822,485	10/13/1998	Nelson et al.	385	112
	CP	5,838,864	11/17/1998	Patel et al.	385	113
	CQ	5,908,049	6/1/1999	Williams et al.	138	125
	CR	5,922,995	7/13/1999	Allen	174	95
	CS	5,969,295	10/19/1999	Boucino et al.	174	113
	CT	5,985,385	11/16/1999	Gottfried	428	34.6
	CU	6,010,652	1/4/2000	Yoshida	264	103
	CV	6,049,647	4/11/2000	Register et al.	385	101
	CW	6,059,264	5/9/2000	Kaminski et al.	254	134.4
	CX	6,147,015	11/14/2000	Bureau	442	29
	CY	6,165,604	12/26/2000	Edwards et al.	428	298.7
	CZ	6,178,278	1/23/2001	Keller et al.	385	109
	DA	6,179,269	1/30/2001	Kobylinski	254	134.3
	DB	6,240,968	6/5/2001	Bigonzi-Jaker et al.	138	115
	DC	6,246,820	6/12/2001	Le Cam et al.	385	100
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